

Family Youth and Community Engagement Committee
(FYCEC)
of the Illinois P-20 Council
11/29/10

Verbal report presented at Quarterly Meeting of P20 Council held 10/27/10 by FYCEC Co-Chair, Kathy Ryg with notes from Co-Chair, Deb Strauss.

Initial meeting of FYCEC meeting held 8/13/10 hosted by Chicago Community Trust. See meeting notes.

Committee membership is open and as work of the P20 Council and FYCEC progresses, additional names continue to be added to e-list of stakeholders who wish to receive communications. Additional stakeholder participation is welcome and participation may be as simple as receiving e-communications or planning/coordinating meetings/presentations.

Background and issue areas relevant to P20 and FYCEC have been presented as part of statewide, community/stakeholder meetings:

- 7/19/10 - Afterschool Town Hall meeting Rep. Jehan Gordon, Peoria (KR)
- 8/17/10 - Illinois PIRC -Parent Information Resource Center Advisory Board Meeting (DS)
- 9/20/10 - Summit on Aging, Bloomington. Agenda focused on drop out prevention and health life styles. Follow up to include regional meetings by community colleges re: work on improving graduation rates. (DS)
- 10/6/10 - Southern Illinois Regional School Masters luncheon (DS)
- 10/12/10 - ED-RED (Education Research and Development) Members meeting (DS)
- 10/22/10 - Voices for Illinois Children Kids Count Symposium, East St. Louis (DS and KR)
- 10/26/10 - Building a Pipeline of Highly Effective Teachers of Color sponsored by Grow Your Own and P20/FYCEC (KR)

Next Steps - Based on level of activities relevant to community engagement, a reassessment of need to convene committee meetings is indicated. It appears the committee is positioned to build on existing

opportunities where events are hosted/planned by P20/FYCEC Partners (ex. Advance Illinois, Grow Your Own, community based coalitions). Communicating where events are scheduled and inviting participation of P20/FYCEC members allows stakeholders to be aware of variety of events/discussions and increase communications via e-mail.

Invitations to participate with community coalitions are pending. Existing community coalitions with a shared agenda in the P20/FYCEC work include, not limited to - Freeport, Danville and LaSalle/Peru region. Other discussions have been held in Peoria and East St. Louis through Voices but defined coalitions are not formed.

All discussions indicate that regardless of location or subject matter of convenings/coalitions, education surfaces as a priority.

Request for Information -To further inform these discussions, Ryg requested that other P20 Council Committees consider developing summary fact sheets or one page descriptions of their work. FYCEC can make available as community based meetings are scheduled/held.

Developments since P20 Meeting on 10/27/10

The Federation of Community Schools has invited Advance Illinois, Voices for Illinois Children, Illinois PTA and the P20/FYCEC to participate in statewide community engagement forums as part of a report requested by the U.S. Dept. of Education to produce a policy paper on community engagement to outline the key strategies, practices and programs and highlight outcomes based measures that demonstrate effective community engagement.